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Central Florida Larry Kamphaus Crowfoot Open



Left Photo: Chris Cartin, former long-time Central Florida Superintendent and now sales rep for Brandt Consolidated received the 2013 Larry Kamphaus Award from Tom Alex at the December Crowfoot Open. Right Photo: Crowfoot Golf Chairman Joe Ondo, CGCS presented the Crowfoot Open Trophy to winner Jason Regan from the Country Club of Ocala.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 6

1ST ANNUAL GC HORN MEMORIAL
TURFGRASS EDUCATION SEMINAR

JANUARY 10

CALUSA GCSA MEETING
CORAL OAKS

JANUARY 13

PALM BEACH GCSA MEETING
BREAKERS WEST COUNTRY CLUB

JANUARY 14

WEST COAST, SUNCOAST, RIDGE VENDOR
APPRECIATION DAY, CYPRESS CREEK

JANUARY 15

FTGA REGIONAL TURF CONFERENCE, TAMPA

JANUARY 16

FGCSA WINTER BOARD MEETING, ISLA DEL
SOL YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB

JANUARY 16

FTGA REGIONAL TURF CONFERENCE,
OCALA

JANUARY 24

SEVEN RIVERS GCSA MONTHLY MEETING
OCALA NATIONAL

FEBRUARY 6

FGCSA ANNUAL RECEPTION
BB KING'S HOUSE OF BLUES

MARCH 4

USGA GREEN COMMITTEE UNIVERSITY
PROGRAM, TAMPA/ST. PETE

MARCH 5

USGA GREEN COMMITTEE UNIVERSITY
PROGRAM, TIMIQUANA COUNTRY CLUB,
JACKSONVILLE

MARCH 6

USGA GREEN COMMITTEE UNIVERSITY
PROGRAM, PALM BEACH

MARCH 7

USGA GREEN COMMITTEE UNIVERSITY
PROGRAM, PELICAN PRESERVE, FORT MYERS

MARCH 17

SUNCOAST SCRAMBLE, THE OAKS CLUB

MARCH 27

SOUTH FLORIDA GCSA TURF EXPO
UF/IFAS FORT LAUDERDALE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY KEVIN SUNDERMAN

As we ring in the New Year I hope this finds all of you happy and healthy. The holidays are a great time for relaxing and reflection. Hopefully you had a chance to catch your breath and are ready to take on 2014.

The many volunteers on the FGCSA board and various committees are ready to take on the New Year. In 2013 we placed an emphasis on increased committee involvement for the FGCSA and we're beginning to see new ideas emerge. We are sorting through the ideas as they develop looking at what implementations to make. The goal is to maximize the benefits and services the FGCSA provides to our members and industry as a whole. We also want to continue to solidify our reputation with Florida officials, legislators and public.

In our efforts to direct the FGCSA we need the help of our members, local chapter leaders and vendors. Soon our members will be asked to participate in a survey on the benefits and services provided by the FGCSA as well as questions pertaining to the golf business in Florida. The information gathered through this survey will be used to guide the direction of the FGCSA. A lot of significance is placed on the results of these surveys as the board often looks to them when discussing various issues. Keep a lookout for the survey and know your voice will be heard.

As a vital part of our association we will also survey our supporting vendors to gather information from their perspective. They often see things from a different viewpoint. We expect to find the thoughts of our affiliate members helpful.

Another way we intend to gain valuable information is through a Chapter Leader Round Table to be held during GIS in February. The FGCSA will be inviting all local chapter leaders to attend this event to be held Wednesday, February 5th at Rosen Shingle Creek from 4pm to 6pm. There will be a set agenda to discuss various topics ranging from benefits and services to the interaction between state and local chapters. There will also be time allotted for questions from participants. We are



Kevin Sunderman

very excited about this event. We expect both the chapters and the FGCSA to gain valuable information to improve what we provide to our members. Chapter leaders will be receiving more information about this important event.

I want to once again express the importance of signing up to participate in EREF. This coalition of green industries aims to improve our stance when it comes to the significance of properly maintained green spaces including golf courses. You can participate in various ways; the simplest is by visiting Floridagcsa.com and clicking on the EREF tab. There you can sign up to participate in a check-off program of sorts where you pay a voluntary 0.6% donation on all fertilizer purchases to be collected by the billing distributors through your invoices. This amounts to a mere \$6 per \$1000 spent. This money is being used to strengthen our position including advocacy efforts towards government officials and the general

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Deadline next issue February 15.

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public. If everybody gives a little we can achieve a lot.

If you have not yet participated in the Golf BMP Certification program I encourage you to do so at the next opportunity. It is important that we, as golf course superintendents, demonstrate our dedication to preserving the environment and water quality. We need a majority of our members to successfully complete this certification. In doing so, we can communicate to lawmakers and the public that we are not part of the problem but rather the solution when it comes to environmental concerns. Last decade our leaders had the foresight to create the BMP for Golf manual. Many times over the past several years local fertilizer ordinances have cited this manual as law for golf courses to follow. In doing so, golf courses were exempted from the more stringent rules demanding summer blackout periods for nitrogen and phosphorus applications. It is reasonable to say that without the BMP manual for Golf there would be no exemption. We feel that the FGCSA BMP Certification program may have the same effect in the future as opposition continues to look for increased legislation against fertilizer, pesticide and water usage. We need your participation to strengthen our reputation as stewards for the environment and to increase our chances of being allowed to manage our facilities using all of our available resources.

Thank you for your involvement and I look forward to hearing your ideas and feedback

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT EVENT!

Thursday night, February 6, 2014

7:00-10:00 pm



Admission to the reception is limited to Florida Superintendents and spouses and the sponsors of the Florida reception ONLY. If you are interested in sponsoring, please visit the FGCSA website, www.floridagcsa.com/reception or call the FGCSA office at 772-334-7515.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

By Greg Pheneger, FGCSA Government Relations Committee Chairman

The local fertilizer ordinances are still rolling along. There is not a part of the State of Florida that has not had one passed or soon will have one up for consideration. Please get out and visit your local officials as soon as possible. Don't wait for the matter to come up before the council because by that time their minds are already made. The Government Relations Committee can help email you handouts for you to give out and the handouts give you points to talk about. Please make this a priority.

Chava McKeel, the Associate Director of Government Relations for GCSAA, is still working on extending the deadline for golf's usage of methyl bromide. Chava has changed tactics just a bit and is concentrating on gaining the extension for the Southeast since most of the usage occurs in that area. Chava gave us a short survey that was then passed on to those superintendents that had renovated greens and did or did not use methyl bromide. The survey was also done in Florida, South and North Carolina and Georgia.

Ralph Dain was a huge help in contacting Superintendents that he knew had done renovations and in less than a week members of the FGCSA returned 38 surveys for Chava to take to the EPA. The EPA mentioned to Chava they were very impressed with the quick turnaround and the thoroughness of the survey. Thank you to all that participated.

We need your help because now we are now missing three chapter representatives on the Government Relations Committee with the relocation of Bob Coffey to the Bradenton area. Bob was a great committee member and will be missed. We need representatives from the Palm Beach, South Florida and now the North Florida Chapters. Please someone step up to the plate and volunteer.

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SAVE THE DATES
2014
REGIONAL
TURF
SEMINARS

Tampa	Jan. 15
Ocala	Jan. 16
Plantation	Jan. 28
Lake Worth	Jan. 29
Ft. Pierce	Jan. 30
Milton	Feb. 18
Jacksonville	Feb. 19
Orlando	Feb. 20
Ft. Myers	Mar. 6



During the celebration of the FWCGCSA's 50th Bud Quandt Research and Benefit Tournament at the Pasadena Y&CC, Chapter President Trent Inman and honoree, Bud Quandt joined in presenting FGCSA President Kevin Sunderman a \$2,500 check for the state's Turfgrass Research Fund.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

By Editor, Joel Jackson, CGCS Retired

Publications: The Winter issue of the Florida Green is on schedule and should be in your mailboxes around the 3rd week of January give or take a few days. We will be visiting Stuart Taylor and his wall-to-wall Sea Dwarf Paspalum golf course in Ft. Myers in the cover story. In the Hands On section, your peers will discuss some equipment modifications and innovations that help them manage the greens root zones and groom the golf course.

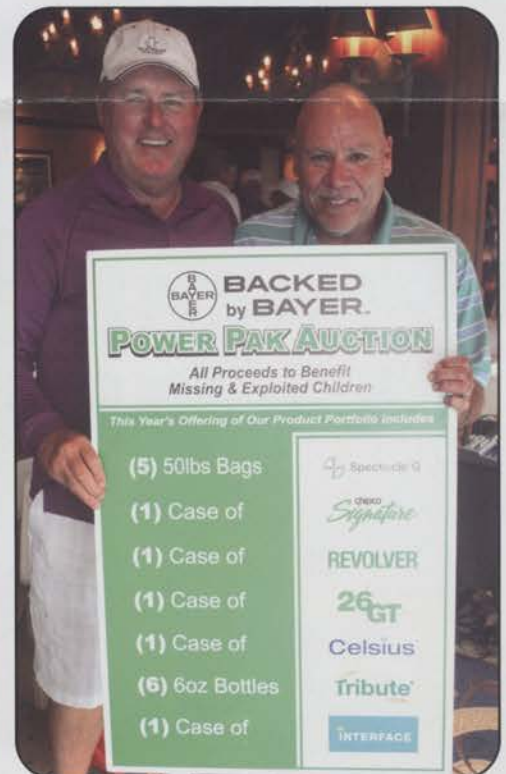
FGCSA Golf Team: Ken Arsenault won the North Florida Classic and Jason Regan captured the Crowfoot Open to join Seth Strickland, Deron Zandt and Stuart Bothe as the likely members of the Florida Golf Team #1 competing in the GCSAA Golf Championship in Orlando this coming February. If someone can't make it, Golf Chairman Joe Ondo will calculate the next best scoring average by an individual from the qualifying events to any vacant spots.

Photo tips: When taking and sending photos to me or Jennifer for use in hard copy publications like the Florida Green or Green Sheet, please select Actual or Large size options on your smart phone. We need the higher resolution for print publications. Thanks

Communications: The FGCSA now has two statewide networks for improving communications to all GCSAA members. The first is a Chapter Government Relations Representative Network to support Chairman Greg Pheneger in his efforts to relay GR info to chapters and help address local issues. The second is the formation of the Chapter Reporters network to share a little more in-depth news and information on chapter meetings, speakers, events, etc to send interesting tidbits and helpful information gleaned from these meetings and events.



In September, the SFGCSA held their 29th Annual Missing and Exploited Children's fundraising event at the Ft. Lauderdale CC. M&E Chairman Joe Pantaleo presents a check for \$25,000 to Ms. Nancy McBride, from the National M&E Organization, who thanked the chapter for their steadfast support and nearly \$500,000 in donations.



At the M&E Tournament Reception, Bayer's Brian MacCurrach (right) held one of his three patented annual Power Pak Auctions. This time around Steve Pearson, CGCS from the Falls CC, won the package of Bayer Turf Products with a bid of \$6,100 that was returned to the chapter as a donation from Bayer.

Lloyd Clifton, ASGCA Fellow, Dies at 89

BROOKFIELD, Wis. – Lloyd M Clifton, Sr. a Fellow of the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) and a founding member of the design firm Clifton, Ezell, Clifton Golf Design Group (CEC Design Group), died Dec. 10, 2013. He was 89.

Clifton worked with fellow ASGCA member Kenny Ezell, and his son, ASGCA member George Clifton, at the firm, which has offices based in Deland, Fla. and Wildwood, Fla.

Clifton and his firm are perhaps best known for their design work and master planning at The Villages--which has grown from a 9-hole Bahia golf course when it opened in the late 1970's to the largest golf community in the world—a retirement community in Central Florida which CEC Golf Design has developed 603 of the 630 holes planned.

Cliftons's layouts included Grey Oaks, Naples, Fla.; Hunters Creek, Orlando, Fla.; Highland Creek, Charlotte, N.C.; Debary Plantation, Debary, Fla. and Plantation Bay, Ormond Beach, Fla.

A standout high school football and baseball player, Clifton played both sports at Stetson University, and advanced to playing semi-professional ball in Florida. Knee injuries kept him from pursuing a career in sports, however, and he enrolled in the horticulture program at the University of Florida. He began his involvement in golf as the golf course superintendent with the City of Daytona Beach's municipal courses. A move to Orlando as a construction/golf superintendent at Rio Pinar Golf Club in 1957 opened the door to his start in golf design.

Clifton's background as an agronomy consultant led to his involvement in more than 150 golf course projects over the years. He

was one of the first recipients of the Florida Turfgrass Association's "Wreath of Grass" award in 1961. His first course West Orange CC was completed in 1964 and he designed 16 others before forming Lloyd Clifton and Associates with George and Ken in 1987, which soon became Clifton Ezell Clifton (CEC).

Clifton was elected an Associate member of ASGCA in 1993, a Regular member in 1995 and became a Fellow in 2000. Clifton is survived by his wife of 65 years Bonnie Jean, his sons Lloyd Jr. (Clif), George, and Craig, their wives, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.



From the left: Golf Course Architects Lloyd Clifton, Ken Ezell and George Clifton celebrate Lloyd's being named a Senior Fellow of the American Society of Golf Course Architects of America in 2000.



FROM JENNIFER'S
DESK:

Superintendent Members: The FGCSA GIS Reception will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at BB King's House of Blues from 7-10:00pm. Your attendance is welcome!

Invitations, along with wristbands will be mailed in late January. I will only be mailing wristbands to those members who have RSVP'd. To RSVP, please go to:
www.floridagcsa.com/reception

Or click on the Information tab from the home webpage, www.floridagcsa.com.

Only those people with wristbands will be admitted. Please be sure to call the FGCSA if you have any questions, 800-732-6053. I look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

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FGCSA Annual Reception
February 6, 2014
7-10pm



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Come visit us in Orlando at the GIS Show at the Helena. Jacobsen and Rainbird Booths. Golf Ventures is happy to sponsor the Florida Reception for the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association. Look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

